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## "THE COLORED MAN DEMOCRACY"

Under this head yesterday's issue of the Tulsa World published a lengthy editorial marveling that a "Democratic Colored Club" under the patronage of a Colored Democratic newspaper should dispense "absolution to a Democratic administration." The editorial was occasioned by an article that appeared in last week's issue of the Star relative to the meeting last week of the Colored Democratic Club of this city. The writer of the editorial cunningly sought to make capital of the fact that the Mayor of Tulsa and his secretary did not consider themselves above appearing before this club—not as the World stated, but to express his appreciation for its endorsement which had already been given. "But that spectacle," said the World, "is neither more surprising, nor amusing than to see a Democratic official who is seeking re-election, appearing both by proxy and in person before a black tribunal of sovereign voters and from such authority soliciting the favor of political approval and absolution."

"We say such a spectacle is strange indeed to those of us who came through the first campaigns in the imperial commonwealth of Oklahoma, which were won by a triumphant democracy led by statesmen who vociferously and to thunderous applause enunciated the doctrine that the 'alger has no rights except to black my boots in the case of the gentleman who aspires' to the United States Senate; and wrote into their platforms the solemn pledge later redeemed let it be said in all candor, to segregate, disfranchise and ignore their ex-slaves and their descendants."

"We appear in this matter not to criticize, not to point a moral, but to marvel. And to plaud the cunning of the Colored politicians who saw the certainty of not only gaining the franchise and a voice in the direction of affairs, but more than a modicum of subservience from their enemy, by the mere and easy subterfuge of changing their party allegiance!"

"What we mean to say is that we can follow the philosophy of the Colored statesmen, but find it exceedingly difficult to trace the thread of consistency in the action of the Democratic candidates or to account for an Oklahoma clientele that will condone it."

"Politics indeed make strange bedfellows. But who, we ask in all sincerity, ever imagined the day when representatives of the 'white man's party in Oklahoma' would covertly seek a common political bed with their Colored compatriots?"

"Verily, 'the world do move.' And a rapt admiration for the established fact that Oklahoma moves with it, we pause to pay a belated tribute to the growing democracy of both the Democratic party and the Afro-American voter of Oklahoma! The race war of Haskell's era has been happily concluded by an armistice."

The editor of the Tulsa World is not the only one who can recall reminiscences of the early political campaigns in Oklahoma.

We also recall those days and the antics of some of our beloved republican friends. We have not forgotten how "Lilly White" republicans of those days joined hands with the radical, narrow minded democrats and swatted the Negro a solar plexus blow from which he has not yet fully recovered. We have not forgotten, and doubtless the editor of the Tulsa World may recall, the backhand, double crossing deal this class of republicans and democrats pulled off in the Statehood Convention deal in order to side track their black brother. Nor have we forgotten that when the late "Grandfather Clause" was initiated, the largest republican county in the state, (Muskogee, returned a greater number of votes than any other county in the state in favor of this law.

We also remember when two faithful Colored republicans of Muskogee ran for the state legislature on the republican ticket; when the Republican Central Committee had printed large posters and had them tacked up in every precinct in that county advising the voters to "Vote for White Men," and referring to these Colored men as "Niggers."

All of this, and more, we remember about early campaigns in Oklahoma, and to our white republican friends who also recall those times, it should not seem such a strange thing, after all, that black men are capable of a thinking and acting for themselves, and that they are beginning to play the game of politics according to Hoyle.

The black man has learned that he has many good, sincere friends in the democratic party and he is not altogether unmindful of his pretensions, deceitful "friends" in the republican party. The average white man seems to think that the natural place for his black brother is in the republican party. There was a time when all Colored men were republicans, but those days have passed and henceforth the black man will be found in all the political parties, fighting like Trojans to sustain the best principles of public probity and human justice vouched for by these various parties, and when we go to the voting booths we will not forget to remember our friends and scratch h— out of the fellows who do not believe in giving us a square deal, regardless of their political complexion.

PATting US ON THE BACK and giving us h— I when we are not around, is the sort of practice that has taken hold of many of our so-called friends. But remember, we do not suffer by this practice near as much as YOU.

THE MAN OR WOMAN of our Race who reads white papers exclusively are enemies to their own children. Every Colored home should have several Negro newspapers coming to them regularly regardless as to how insignificant YOU may think they are.

THAT MEMBER of our Race who is giving employment to our own people is doing much toward helping in the task of "toning up" our citizenship. "Wind Jammers" who talk much and do little or nothing to advance our standard as citizens, are mill-stones about our necks and should be dealt with accordingly.

IF WE ALL COULD SEE our own shortcomings as easily as we see our neighbor's, and profit by doing as we say our neighbors should do, it would not be long before this old world would be a much better place to live in. Help make the world better by starting to be better yourself. Don't wait for your neighbor to make the start.

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## SCOTT FERRIS FAVORS WOMAN'S SUFFRAGE.

The Scare Crow of Negro Domination Fails to Frighten Him.  
 (Star News Service.)

MUSKOGEE, Feb. 28.—In a recent address on the floor of the House of Representatives, the Hon. Scott Ferris, candidate for the Oklahoma senatorial toga, placed himself squarely in favor of the enfranchisement of American women. Despite the efforts of many of his colleagues from the South, Mr. Ferris declared himself free of any fear of Negro domination in the Southland, because Negro women as well as white women would be granted the privilege of voting. In discussing this phase, Mr. Ferris expressed the belief that the same methods now in vogue in that section to deter Negro men from voting would apply with equal efficacy in the case of women of that race. The methods to which he referred are "educational tests", "poll tax", and "grandfather clause." While we congratulate our Congressman for evidencing a breadth of vision indicative of requisite statesmanship for the higher position to which he aspires, it may be well to observe here that both Negro men and women are today prepared to meet the tests prescribed in the South better than ever before, and have no fear of them, if impartially executed. It is a matter of fact, that there are many thousands of Colored men and women South of Mason and Dixon's line who are more than well fitted to pass any educational test, who are also financially able to pay the poll tax. The "grandfather" test exacting that an ancestor of a Negro must have voted prior to a certain prescribed year is not particularly a stumbling block. It is well known that for over fifty years the white male constituents of the Southern Congressmen who solidly opposed Woman's Suffrage, have been working overtime in providing present day Negro youth with white great-grandfathers, grand fathers and fathers, and all of these have been and are citizens and voters.

The eloquent address of Mr. Ferris is illustrated by the following extracts:  
 Mr. Speaker: If there were in fact danger of negro domination or if this amendment would contribute to it I, too, would feel apprehensive, for I have no disposition to inflict on that great southern country legislation that is obnoxious to them, offensive to them, or anything for which there is no adequate solution. But I pause and ask them now what is the answer to the question that the same educational test that now prevents the ignorant male voter, both white and black from exercising the right of suffrage will at the same time deny the ignorant female voter the right? What is the answer to the question that the same poll-tax law that now largely prevents the ignorant male from voting will likewise prevent the ignorant female from voting? What is the answer to the statement that for every negro woman so enfranchised there will be hundreds and thousands of intelligent white women enfranchised? I can not share the doubts and forebodings of my friends from the North or South who are to-day opposing suffrage. I can not think either their doubts or their fears are well founded. (Applause.)

"No, Mr. Speaker, this question today is a great national issue—one involving the rights of our mothers, our wives, our daughters, our women. It will never be settled until it is settled right. Most of them have asked it with upturned face, feeling that it would benefit them, would help them, ennoble them, and strengthen them. It is ours to give or withhold. For me and mine, I am in favor of giving it to them ungrudgingly—first, because I believe it is right; second, because I find no sound or satisfying argument, logic, or reason that would justify a course in opposition to it; third, in substance, in truth, and in fact, the four great political platforms of the last election promised equal suffrage to women as to men."

from his African travels have given the world much to think and talk about. And now comes a scientist who brushes aside the veil of future and describes the American peoples of 2000 years hence. Concerning the American Negro in that day, he says:  
 The Afro-American is showing the effects of the gradual conversion of all Americans to the Indian type more distinctly than the Caucasian. The American negro of today is no more like the typical slave of sixty years ago than a Kiefer pear tree is like the scrubby little bush that grew sandpears in Arabia ninety years ago before a Pennsylvania Dutchman brought some roots to this country and did a little Burbanking. The Negro of today has not the extremely thick lips, flat nose, retreating forehead and "jayed heel" of his grandfather. He is being Indianized even more rapidly than the white man. His nose is becoming more nearly Roman; his cheekbones are rising; he is developing a calf to his leg (something the African races never have had) and his hair is getting straight. A good deal of the credit for the straightening of the Negro's hair is given to the manufacturer of certain unguents, but as a matter of fact the kink is naturally disappearing from the American black man's hair. If the progress continues in that direction 500 years longer as fast as it has since slavery days, the one-time African will have as straight locks as any white man.

## NEGRO TO CHANGE GREATLY IN FUTURE

"Face Bleach" and "Hair Straightener" Unnecessary 2000 Years Hence.  
 (Star News Service.)

NEW YORK, Feb. 28.—The study of pre-historic and historic man is always interesting to the thoughtful. Anthropologists, who have made the study of man their life's work, have written volumes on the changes man has experienced in his evolution on account of his environment. The late explorer Peary (thru his journey to the North Pole and Livingston

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## YOUNG MCGREGOR FINDS WIFE

Ceremony Takes Place at Home of Groom's Father Last Sunday.

The marriage of A. McGregor to Miss Ophelia Langston of Paris, Texas, took place at the residence of the groom's father and mother, Rev. and Mrs. Lee McGregor, 1100 N. Lansing, last Sunday evening. Rev. J. H. Abernathy performed the ceremony in the presence of a number of the young people's friends.

After the ceremony forty-five people were served. Music was furnished for the occasion by Wm. Baul's Jazz Orchestra.

Miss Grace B. Harris, Miss Ruth S. Walton, Mrs. Lee McGregor, Mrs. A. Newberry and Mrs. J. W. Ashford, spared no pains in making the evening pleasant for those present. The happy couple were presented with many beautiful gifts.

## LEONARD WOOD

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"I stand for the ROOSEVELTIAN SQUARE DEAL; the application of the principles of Americanism in our government; upholding the Constitution, and the enforcement of Law and Order. In other words, America must be made safe for Americans."

## Republican Leader

## IS MENTAL TELEPATHY POSSIBLE?

Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, the popular British author, and creator of Sherlock Holmes declares that it is. Did you ever sit down quietly alone and think of some one and shortly the one that you were thinking of would either call you over the phone or would walk in?

Science has proved beyond a doubt that Mental Telepathy and Thought Transference are possible.

One of the latest converts to this new Science or Cult is Robert Connors, one of the most popular mem-

bers of the Movie Actors Colony at Hollywood, Cal.

He has gone in for it to such an extent that he used it in the plot of his latest super feature, "The Winking Hour" which is to be shown at the Dreamland Theatre on Saturday February 28th in the afternoon and night.

This is the same identical picture that caused so much comment in the East.

Mrs. Williams is to be congratulated for having secured this wonderful production that comes to the Dreamland so highly commended by both pulpit and the press.—Adv.

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